

In ten years the screw has entirely replaced the paddle in transatlantic navigation, the weight of marine engines has diminished one-half, the steam pressure quadrupled, and the consumption of coal has decreased two-thirds.

The official statistics of the northern Presbyterians show also that it has thirty-six synods, one hundred presbyteries, 4,744 churches, 3,077 ministers, 552,216 communicants, and 555,347 Sunday school scholars. It raised last year \$10,810,284.

It is a common thing when a screw or staple becomes loose to draw it up with wood or re-insert. But screws and staples so secured soon come out again. I have been found that a much better way is to fill up the holes tightly with cork. Screws and irons so secured will remain perfectly tight as long as when put into new wood.

The bill concerning the Washington monument, which has now become a law, provides that the sum of \$200,000 shall be appropriated, but that the expenditure of that amount must run through five years; that is to say, only \$50,000 shall be expended yearly. As it is estimated that it will take \$400,000 to complete the work, at the rate named it will be eight years, hence before the shaft is finished.

A company of Canadian cricketers visited Philadelphia, who were in a friendly contest, at cricket with the Germans. The Canadians were inspired with the idea that they had been selected by Providence to exhibit the beauties of the game to the Yankees. But they soon discovered their mistake. The Americans went to the bat twelve o'clock, and at six o'clock had scored three hundred and fifty-six runs, and not been put out. The Canadians left the next day in disgust, without finishing the game.

A dozen years ago the last cannibal feast was held in Kandava, one of the Fiji islands. The remains of the pits in which the bodies were buried are still to be seen, and the "chairman" at the banquet is not only alive, but has the honor to represent on the island in an official capacity her majesty queen Victoria. We regret that no journal of that period has preserved a record of the speeches that were made and the songs that were chanted on that occasion, but we doubt not that the "feast of reason," which took place was accompanied with all the hilarity that was compatible with it.

A BLIND Swiss girl, who is an adept at fine needlework, recently sent to the emperor of Germany a table-cover exquisitely worked with her own hands, and to avoid the appearance of having sent the present in expectation of getting something in return, she omitted her address, and simply signed herself, "A Blind Girl in Switzerland." The old monarch was so pleased with the gift and the manner of sending it, that he caused the German minister in Switzerland to ascertain the girl's name and address, whereupon he sent her a valuable brooch and an autograph letter of thanks.

SIX JOSEPH WHITMORE recently exhibited three hexagonal steel plates at the Kensington museum, which were so accurately planned that when one was placed over the other it glided about as if it floated, and when one was dropped on another a "cushion" of air deadened the noise. Surely such a creation must be the father of a genius. Could you have seen the curiosity of the poor mother, who said that the lower plate adhered to the upper when raised? His next made a movement of 1,200,000th of an inch, and lastly showed the tensile strength of steel, a specimen of which bore a strain of seventy-five tons to the square inch, without breaking. For bridges etc., only five tons strain to the square inch, are required for safety; for guns, forty tons; for shells, fifty-five tons.

The post card has been the source of more worry to the postmaster than any other card, as it has been got out of a bit of pasteboard. First, the clerks were ordered under what circumstances to read anything but the address, and then immediately after were directed to stop any card of a disreputable nature, though they did not know what that without reading it nobody knew. And then the counter postmen find that they get him a great deal to do. The writer is often bad, and he gets the gossip of the neighborhood, hardly mixed. Occasionally, as we have heard of the postmaster doing, he calls in outside assistance to help him untangle some twisted sentence or semi-legible word. The latest thing in postal cards, however, is the frankness of a yankee postmaster, who ran out from his wayside station the other day, shouting a card and calling out to a lady as she drove up to a lady friend, "You'd better read it! She ain't comin'!"

The "personals" in the papers published a hundred years ago were specimens of any printed in recent days. Even Martha Washington was mentioned in a London paper as having separated from her husband thus: "Mrs. Washington is married to a very amiable lady, but it is said that Mrs. Washington, being a warm loyalist, has separated from her husband since the commencement of the present trouble, and lives very much respected in the city of New York." The following is from some newspaper of the day: "This is a name peculiarly belonging to the rebels. A party of naval prisoners lately returned from Jersey say that the rations among the rebels are thirteen dried claws per day; that Mr. Washington has thirteen toes on his feet (the extra ones have grown since the declaration of independence), and the same number of teeth in each jaw; that the saucy Schuyler has a top-knot of thirteen stiff hairs, which erect themselves on the crown of his head when he grows mad; that it takes thirteen congress pennies to equal one penny sterling; that 'Polly' Wayne was just thirteen hours in subduing Stony Point, and as many seconds in leaving it; that a well-organized rebel household has thirteen children, all of whom expect to be generals and members of the high and mighty congress of the United States when they attain thirteen years; that Mrs. Washington has a mottled tom-cat (which she calls, in a complimentary way, 'Hamton') with thirteen rings around his tail; and that his flaunting it suggested to the congress the adoption of the same number of stripes for the rebel flag."

A negg of good size, belonging to a wealthy gentleman in New York, was buried in his master's lot in Greenwood cemetery last week by an undertaker. A burial permit had to be obtained for him at headquarters, and the usual price for opening a grave was paid.

# THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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## FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH.

"Wait but a little, sweetheart," you said—  
"I am not strong, but I live." The  
Washington Times quotes her husband.  
And the death-white curve of her quivering lips  
By the lounfiful hand of the maiden spring;  
Wait till the brooks are beginning to sing.

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"Then why don't he send us help?  
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The birds were merry in every tree,  
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## DEACON H.

"The greatest of these is charity."

The morning meal was completed by a friendly Deacon H. took his Bible for the usual devotions, he cast a satisfied glance around the room, and on the faces of the rosy-cheeked little group that surrounded the table.

The chapter chosen was the thirteenth of First Corinthians. "Faith, hope, charity," read the deacon at his close, "but the greatest of these is charity." Then followed a long prayer, in which the deacon, after giving the Lord various bits of information concerning matters of which it was quite evident He should be cognizant, earnestly invoked the graces of the Spirit, and solicited help for the duties of the day.

"Stop moment, husband," said Mrs. H., as the deacon, at the close of the exercise, was preparing to leave the room.

"I forgot to mention that Mrs. Connor called here yesterday. She wanted to know if you could find a place for your store."

"Your husband is drinking again; and your woman is in great distress. I inferred from what she said that her husband is drinking again; and her boy has been weakly ill for months. I will send some advice. Poor little girls, always afflicted with rheumatism at the silvery chil-

"How bless you, God bless you," sobbed the poor woman, grasping the lady's hand, while the tears coursed silently down her cheeks. "God will reward you: we never can!"

"The greatest of these is charity." Oh that charity, that world-wide, all embracing charity. That love to God and man, to man. Would to God there were more of it.

moment the door opened, and a boy entered, drew a chair to the hearth, and strove to impart a little warmth to his chilled hands.

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## TROTTING STALLIONS.

*The Efforts Making to Improve the Native Breed of Horses.*

From the Boston Post.

The interest in the meeting of trotting stallions, to be held in Philadelphia this last week in September, gives the auspices of the breeders' centennial trotting meeting, continues to increase, and the turf fraternity generally anticipates a wonderful display of speed. The premium to be awarded, amount in all to \$12,500, and the entries far exceed in number those of any previous meeting.

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FRIDAY, Sept. 1, 1876.

Advertisers must send in their favors by 8 o'clock Thursday morning to insure their appearance in Friday's paper.

**WANTED** — We want the local news of your vicinity, such as births, marriages, deaths, improvements, state of crops, etc. If your neighbor has a large hog, or a fine cow, or a good crop of cotton or corn, let us know it.

**Local News.**

The Hickman Democratic Club decided to erect the Tilden and Hendricks pole on the court house hill, on Sept. 15. Col. Linneker, of Illinois, is expected to make the salutation speech. Several pretty robberies occurred last week in Hickman; the residence of Dr. Tom Buck and others. Our people should be vigilant and sturdy and bring some three night prowlers to justice. The county jail is aching for them.

The McKenzie College, has secured the services of Prof. Shepherd, of Va., in the chair of Mathematics. He is a graduate of the Randolph-Macon College, and also of the University of Virginia, and has 15 years experience as a teacher. He has the highest recommendations, and will add largely to the high reputation of the school.

W. L. McCutchen has just returned from a somewhat extended trip through the Western and Eastern States, and brings cheering news as to the prospects of Tilden and Hendricks in the Northern States. All the Democrats returning from Centennial trips bring similar news, whereas the Republicans have little to say.

Some party, without a proper fear of that hot place where all sinfull creatures go, has been distributing documents to the colored people of Hickman, representing "terrible butchery of negroes in the Southern States." Shame on such conduct. If the black people desire to vote the Republican ticket, let them do it peaceably and quietly, but why incite them to hate their white neighbors?

A Louisvillite Hotel.—Marv Mill let an old Hickman young man, is now with the New Era Hotel, Louisville, and he will treat us like a prince. The charges are very moderate—only \$2 a day. There is no young man more accomodating, obliging and courteous than Marv Miller, and we want all the West Kentucky and West Tennessee people to stop with him. Remember the Hotel.

**A CONCERT.** — The ladies of the Methodist church announce a concert for next week, the object of which is to raise money to purchase a library for the Sunday School. We are not advised as to the music to be engaged, but the name of Mrs. Kingman, as manager, is a guarantee that it will be superb. We are not advised, either, as to the night, but the public will be duly informed. The object is praiseworthy, and we now guarantee the musical entertainment to be splendid.

**A WORTHY CASE OF CHARITY.** — There is a widow lady in Hickman, a worthy housewife, industrious, busy, and works hard trying to earn a living, with several children, and we are told that they some days actually suffer for something to eat. Is there not some kind hearted lady or ladies in Hickman, who will interest themselves in obtaining help for this worthy object. This notice is made without the knowledge of the lady, and at the request of some who have been very liberal in this instance. If you wish to help, inquire at this office. No questions answered for mere curiosity.

All Druggists who sell that Maguire's Balsam Plant is the most successful remedy that they have ever sold for the cure of complaints of the bowels, such as Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Flux, Cholera, etc. For sale by C. A. Holcombe.

**ELECTRIC MAGAZINE.** — The September number of this sterling magazine has reached us, and we may say in general terms that it presents a table of contents not too oppressively solid for a season when the flesh is apt to the weak no matter how willing the spirit may be, and yet with a number of articles which will be found to repay the perusal of those who seek for amusement in their unnumbered reading. First on the list is a long and interesting review of the "Life and Writings of Samuel Morse," Ro. &c. There are also additional chapters of "Her Dearest Foe," by Mrs. Alexander, author of "The Wining 'O'le," and copious and attractive Editorial notes on current Literature, Science, and Art. Altogether, the number is an excellent issue.

Published by E. R. PELTON, 25 Bond St., New York. Terms, \$5 per year; single number, 45 cents.

The only vegetable substitute for Calomel is Maguire's Condurango Bitters, which cures all complaints of the liver, blood and stomach, and keeps the bowls open. For sale by C. A. Holcombe.

**Teacher's Institute.**

The Fulton County Teacher's Institute has been in session in Hickman, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, of this week. We learn they had a very interesting and useful session. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

"That we tender our sincere gratitude to the hospital for their hospitality, extended toward our meeting."

"That our heartfelt thanks are due to the pastor and officers of the Methodist church for the use of their conference room, and for their cordial welcome."

"That we are under lasting obligation to the choir and leader, for the excellent music which cheered our meetings."

"Resolved, furthermore, that we recognize the deep debt of gratitude we owe to Prof. A. W. Miller, for his untiring labors and services in the interest of the business of the Institute."

"That these resolutions be entered upon the Institute Record, and a copy be furnished the Hickman Courier for publication."

J. H. SIMMONS, Clerk pro tem.

**Always Ahead.**

We are now opening the finest selection of BOY'S and MEN'S CLOTHING, ever brought to Hickman.

J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

**Sensible Advice.**

You are asked every day through the columns of the papers for advice on some particular subject.

For something for dyspepsia, I will give you nothing but the best.

For something for liver complaint, I will give you nothing but the best.

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